

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 8-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In the final Office Action of February 21, 2006, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Requested cancellation of claims 8-20.
- B.) Rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.
- C.) Objected to claims 1-7.

Applicants address the Examiner's disposition below.

A.) Cancellation of claims 8-20:

Claims 8-20 have been canceled.

B.) Rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 have been amended as per the Examiner's request to overcome the rejection.

Claims 2 and 3 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

C.) Objection to claims 1-7:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended as per the Examiner's request, as discussed above. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable.


Claims 2-7 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-7 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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